

A BIG FISHERMAN IS CAPT. INKPEN

Twenty Year Old Skipper Caught 317,000 Pounds on One Baiting.

What is thought to be a record for one baiting is the salt cod fare of the British sch. Marjorie N. Inkpen, Capt. Leonard Inkpen which brings to this port the first green fish salt cod cargo direct from the banks, to be landed here by a British schooner since the new tariff went into effect.

Capt. Inkpen, who is but 20 years old, is master of the craft. He is perhaps the youngest skipper that ever came to this port. He secured his fare of 317,000 pounds on the Labrador coast, from one baiting of 60,000 of squid which he took at Conception Bay, N. F., a section from which foreign fishermen are excluded. This is believed to be the biggest catch ever made on one baiting.

The Inkpen is 97 tons and carries seven dories, or a crew of 16 including skipper and the cook. Many of the crew have not yet attained their majority.

On Bateau, Labrador, the craft struck good fishing, about 120 miles north of Belle Isle, in Davis Strait. The fish were found five miles from the land in 20 fathoms of water. At the time a fleet of 14 Newfoundland vessels and sch. Independence II, Capt. John McInnis, of this port, were there.

Capt. McInnis, who could not secure squid for bait, was fishing with salt clams with indifferent results, when the Newfoundlanders, acting the good Samaritan, each contributed a few bushels of fresh squid, with which Capt. McInnis was enabled to materially add to his haul.

Capt. Inkpen called at Burin, his home port, but the season was far advanced for fish curing there, the climatic conditions being against them. The Inkpens, father and son, who own their vessel, determined to run for this port under the free fish regulations. The fish were eagerly welcomed here, as the supply is short. Messages have been sent to Burin, N. F., saying that all the rest of the catch can be used here and responses have been received that four more cargoes from Labrador will be sent here for market.

Capt. Inkpen was commander of one of his father's vessels that crossed the Atlantic and went up the Mediterranean. He was never on the New England coast before. He left Burin for Gloucester a week ago Sunday, having thick weather but leading winds. However, he succeeded in getting two lunar observations and at 9.30 Friday night sighted Thatcher's lights through the fog and at 12.30 succeeded in rounding Dog Bar Breakwater coming to anchor in the outer bay.

The pilots Saturday afternoon made a claim for half pilotage. Capt. Inkpen says he was never spoken by a pilot until Saturday morning, and he claims that he is exempt for any such payment and will refer the matter to the Massachusetts Pilot Commission. A new vessel of 110 tons is being built for Capt. Inkpen at Shelburne, N. S. Capt. Inkpen since April has caught and landed, including this fare, more than 760,000 pounds of salt codfish, valued at about \$20,000.

THE HALIFAX DRY FISH TRADE

The Maritime Merchant Says Present Is a Dull and Trying Time.

In sizing up the salt fish trade, in the Provinces, the Halifax Maritime Merchant says:

"The present is a dull and trying time in the dried fish trade. Exporting houses have plenty of orders booked, but the difficulty is to get the goods. All operations have been hampered by the rainy weather, for there has been no weather fit to cure fish in Lunenburg since the opening of the present month. Receipts have therefore been very small. Some sales have been made at \$6.50, but these have necessarily been very few, for the stock is not available. The new American tariff has apparently made little difference in the price in the American market, so that for the present, at least, shippers have got the full benefit of the reduction. This has been due, however, to the prevailing scarcity, and it is thought that later on, when supplies become more liberal, the price will be reduced in accordance with the change in the tariff. It is all a question of supply and demand.

"The West India markets are steady but the Mediterranean markets are considerably weaker owing to supplies going forward from here and Newfoundland. The development in the last named markets were not unexpected as prices have been unusually high for choice grades. The South American market is very dull owing to ample supplies and the unsettled financial conditions in Brazil caused by the low prices of their great staple products, coffee and rubber.

"We have never known a period of such light receipts," said an exporter in speaking of the situation in pickled fish. "The herring catch continues light and we are kept guessing whether there will be the usual fall run. As a matter of fact the weather has been bad for fishing and the fish do not usually strike in when there is such a continuous east wind as we have had this month. The outlook for a good fall run is therefore becoming less encouraging every day."

Big Fish Cargoes at Halifax.

There was a long list of schooner arrivals at Halifax, N. S., Friday, among them being several Newfoundland schooners laden with dry fish and pickled herring. Hailing from Sandy Point there were the schooners Frances Willard with 1067 barrels, Alma Nelson with 1377 barrels, Colonia with 1345 barrels; from Flower Cove, the Crofton McLeod with 2200 quintals of codfish, 1450 gallons of cod oil; and from Lawrence the schooner Montie-Minnie, having among her cargo 852 quintals of codfish. There also arrived in from the Canadian Labrador one of the "White Sisters," the Mollie, with a cargo of 1564 quintals of codfish and 14 barrels of salmon. Altogether there were no less than 27 sailing and steam craft to enter Halifax Friday.

Treaty Coast Fishing Notes.

Fishermen at Lark Harbor made over \$100 for a dory last week at the codfishery.

Codfish of the largest kind are numerous on the grounds off Bay of Islands, and Lark Harbor fishermen load their boats daily.

There is a ready market for fresh cod tongues and sounds, yet at Lark Harbor at the present time hundreds of dollars worth are being thrown away.

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TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5.25 per cwt.; medium, \$4.75; snappers, \$3.50.

Salt trawl bank cod, large, \$4.75; medium, \$4.25; snappers, \$3.

Dory handline cod, \$5 for large; \$4.50 for medium.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$5.00; medium, \$4.50.

Georges halibut codfish, large, \$5.00; medium, \$4.50.

Filched halibut, 10c per lb.

Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Haddock, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.75.

Pollock, \$1.50.

Salt mackerel \$18 per bbl. for medium; \$10.25 for tinkers.

Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:

Haddock, \$1.00 per cwt.

Eastern cod, large, \$2.25; medium, \$2.00; snappers, 75c.

Western cod, large, \$2.35; medium, \$2.10; snappers, 75c.

All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.

Hake, \$1.40.

Cusk, large, \$2.00; medium, \$1.70; snappers, 50c.

Dressed pollock, 80c; round, 70c.

Fresh herring, \$2.50 and \$3 per bbl. for salt.

Fresh bluebacks, \$3 per bbl., for salt; \$1.75 to freezer.

Bank halibut, 12c per lb. for white.

Fresh small mackerel, 6c per lb.

MANY FARES AT T WHARF TODAY

Several of Off-Shore Fleets Have Good Fares and Will Profit Thereby.

The morning's grist at T wharf today consists of 21 fares, one from seining and the others from the grounds with fares of haddock, cod and hake mostly.

Sch. Sylvania, Capt. Jeffrey Thomas whose recent quick trip and record stock and share was one of the bits of news in fishing circles last week, again with a nice trip, his haul being for 52,000 pounds. Other good fares are schs. A. Platt Andrew, 35,000 pounds; Frances S. Grueby, 35,000 pounds; Robert and Arthur, 41,000 pounds; Mary, 42,000 pounds; Gov. Foss, 47,000 pounds.

These prices were quoted by the wholesalers, namely, \$2.10 to \$2.50 for large cod, \$2.50 to \$3 for market cod, \$1.25 to \$2.25 for hake, \$4 to \$5 for pollock and \$2 for cusk.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Mary, 20,000 haddock, 7000 cod 15,000 hake.

Sch. Gladys and Nellie, 20,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Moaniam, 28,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Sylvania, 30,000 haddock, 7000 cod 15,000 hake.

Sch. Marguerite Haskins, 5000 mixed fresh mackerel.

Sch. Laura Enos, 3500 pollock.

Str. Ripple, 45,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 7500 lemon sole.

Str. Breaker, 27,000 haddock, 1500 cod 2200 cusk.

Str. Wave, 44,000 haddock, 1800 cod, 1000 hake.

Str. Heroine, 33,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. A. Platt Andrew, 20,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 12,000 hake.

Sch. Robert and Arthur, 20,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 14,000 hake.

Sch. Frances S. Grueby, 9500 haddock, 1000 cod, 20,000 hake, 5000 cusk.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchings, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod, 20,000 hake.

Sch. Rose Dorothea, 8000 haddock, 8000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Flora L. Oliver, 4000 haddock, 3000 cod, 14,000 hake.

Sch. Manomet, 8000 haddock, 1800 cod, 5000 hake, 2000 cusk.

Sch. Harriett, 3000 haddock, 800 cod, 9000 hake.

Sch. Mary P. Goulart, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 5000 haddock, 500 cod, 7500 hake.

Sch. Gov. Foss, 28,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 16,000 hake.

Haddock, \$2.10 to \$2.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$5 to \$6; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3; hake, \$1.25 to \$2.25; pollock, \$4 to \$5; cusk, \$2; fresh mackerel, 8c per lb.

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FRESH FISH HERE TO SPLIT

Three Fares Down from Boston—Two Gill Netters Had Market Trips.

Two fresh fares down from Boston constituted the fresh fish arrivals here this morning. They were schs. Mary DeCosta with 40,000 pounds and Sadie M. Nunan, 30,000 pounds.

The torchers brought in 75 barrels of mixed herring this morning, which sold at the Port for bait.

Two of the gill netters, steamers Scout and the Carrie and Mildred, landed small fares yesterday afternoon.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Mary DeCosta, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Carrie and Mildred, gill netting, 75 lbs. fresh pollock.
Str. Thelma, seining, 15 bbls. mixed fish mackerel.
Str. Scout, gill netting, 1250 lbs. fish.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Avalon, halibuting.
Sch. Georgianna, halibuting.
Sch. Priscilla Smith, haddocking.
Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, haddocking.
Sch. Stranger, haddocking.
Sch. Arethusa, haddocking.
Sch. Ingomar, haddocking.
Sch. John R. Bradley, Newfoundland.
Steamer Thelma, seining.
Steamer Bethulia, beam trawling.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, south, snapper fishing.
Sch. Nettie Franklin, south, snapper fishing.
Sch. Diana, Boston.

TWO MACKEREL FARES IN TODAY

Two mackerel fares arrived yesterday afternoon and during the night from Middle Bank, one here and the other at Boston.

Yesterday, steamer Thelma, Capt. Elroy Prior, arrived here with 15 barrels of mixed fresh mackerel which sold to A. Cooney & Company at six cents a pound.

At Boston this morning, is sch. Marguerite Haskins, Capt. Reuben Emerson, with 5000 mixed fish, which sold at eight cents a pound.

Salt Mackerel Sale.

The salt mackerel fare of sch. Pieta, Capt. Douglass McLean, sold to the Union-Pew Fisheries Company at \$10.25 a barrel for tinkers and \$18 for mediums.

VESSELS COMING HERE TO GET ICE

Big Fleet Held at T Wharf Waiting Vainly for Necessary Article—Supply There Is Short 'Tis Said.

T wharf, Boston, fishermen are confronted with an ice shortage, a condition that has not existed there for many years, so the wharf dealers state, as a result of which a large number of market crafts are tied up there, waiting until a supply of ice comes through from the country. It is estimated that nearly 200 tons are needed right away for the fishermen.

While Boston is facing an ice famine, the boats and vessel which have had the foresight to come here and fit are meeting with no difficulty in procuring a supply. Notwithstanding the shortage in last winter's crop, whereby the local dealers have been obliged to curtail the consumption to the wholesale trade, the Cape Pond Ice Company which controls the greater part of the local output is refusing no one. As fast as the boats and vessels come along, they are being supplied without limitation.

The Union Ice Company of Boston which supplies most of the fishermen sailing out of Boston, contend that they are unable to get enough ice through from Maine and New Hampshire to supply the demand. Ice is very scarce they say and they are using what limited stock they have on hand to take care of the retail trade. The docks at T wharf are crowded with vessels as a result and unless some immediate relief comes to hand, there is likely to be a scarcity in the supply of groundfish in the market next week, it is claimed.

Notwithstanding Boston's plight, the local dealers are not taking any advantage as far as boosting the price is concerned. The Cape Pond Ice Company announces that it is supplying vessels and the wholesale trade still at \$3 a ton. There is no famine yet in sight as far as the local supply is concerned.

Quite a number of crafts have come down from Boston the past two days to take in ice as a result. Those here this morning are schs. Belbina P. Domingoes, Mildred Robinson, Russell, Moaniam and Alice M. Guthrie, while others are coming.

T WHARF HAS A FLEET OF 10

All Are Market Boats With New Fish and the Prices Are Good.

On account of the large number of fleet in port, arrivals at Boston since yesterday have been few, only 10 of the market fleet outside of the seiners being in.

The total amount landed was about 120,000 pounds haddock, cod and hake. Wholesalers quoted \$2.50 to \$3 a hundred pounds for haddock, \$5 to \$6 for large cod, \$2.50 to \$2.75 for market cod, \$2.50 to \$3 for pollock, and six cents a pound for fresh mackerel.

Boston Arrivals.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. James W. Parker, 16,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 4000 hake.
Sch. Stranger, 4000 haddock, 2000 cod, 7000 hake.
Sch. Yankee, 4000 haddock, 500 cod, 4000 hake.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, 3000 haddock, 400 cod, 6000 hake.
Sch. Hattie A. Heckman, 500 haddock, 10,000 cod.
Sch. Rose Standish, 6000 pollock.
Sch. Mettacommet, 500 halibut, 6500 pollock.
Sch. John J. Fallon, 15,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 18,000 hake.
Sch. Appomattox, 9000 pollock.
Sch. Adeline, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod, 3000 hake.
Str. Joanna, 6000 fresh mixed mackerel.
Str. Nashawena, 3000 fresh mixed mackerel.
Str. Robert and Edwin, 2000 fresh mixed mackerel.
Sch. Little Fannie, 7000 fresh mixed mackerel.
Haddock, \$2.50 to \$3 per cwt.; large cod, \$5 to \$6; market cod, \$2.50 to \$2.75; hake, \$1.25 to \$2; pollock, \$2.50 to \$3; cusk, \$2; fresh mackerel, 6c per lb.

SMALL CRAFTS HAVE MACKEREL

Three small mackerel fares arrived at the Fort yesterday afternoon and four at Boston for this morning's market, the boats taking them on Middle Bank yesterday.

The crafts in are steamers R. J. Killick, Jeffery and Bryd F., here and Joanna, Nashawena, Robert and Edwin and sch. Little Fannie at Boston. The fish while mixed with tinkers and mediums, ran for the most part tinkers.

Boston dealers paid six cents a pound for them this morning.

Salt Mackerel Sale.

The 31 barrels of salt mackerel of the str. Thelma sold to Fred Bradley at \$10.25 a barrel for tinkers and \$18 for mediums.

N. S. HERRING FOR CHICAGO

Thirty carloads of fresh dressed meat aggregating something like 1,500,000 pounds reached Chicago Tuesday consignment to Swift & Company, as the first importation of fresh meat under the new tariff law admitting meat free into the United States. The shipment was from Canada and the prices ranged from 6 3-4 to 8 cents a pound. This is less than the Chicago packers usually pay for beef on the hoof shipped in from the farms and ranges, and they do not have to go to the expense of killing and dressing. Each car contains forty thousand or fifty thousand pounds. The meats range in class from material for sausages, canning the best grades. Thirty six carloads of fish, also imported, were received at the customs department at Chicago Friday consigned to various fish markets in Chicago. Most of it was herring. The tariff of fish was one half cent a pound under the old law, but it is now admitted free.

PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

Arrivals.

Tug Gettysburg, towing barge Glendower, Philadelphia, coal for Griffin & Co.
Tug Wyoming, Boston.
Tug H. A. Mathis, via Boston.

Good Stocks.

The steamer Thelma, Captain Elroy Prior, stocked \$1932.58 as a result of her last seining trip. The crew shared \$65.92 clear.